



**RAKE IT,  
LEAVE IT OR  
REMOVE IT**

*What to do with  
your leaves, grass  
clippings and yard  
waste?*

## WHY DOES IT MATTER?

You Choose - *your leaves and grass clippings can be a valuable resource OR a source of water pollution.*

### **AS A RESOURCE .....**

Mulched leaves or grass clippings on your lawn add valuable nutrients and organic matter.

Composting leaves and grass clippings saves money.

### **AS A SOURCE OF POLLUTION .....**

Decaying leaves and grass kill critters in streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, and wetlands.

Yard waste dumped near waterbodies and wetlands contributes to stream algae and odors.

***Rake-Up Middleton***